



# ANNUAL REPORT

A top-down photograph of a student's workspace. The student is sitting at a desk, wearing blue jeans with a tear at the knee. Their hands are resting on an open book. To the right is a silver laptop with a black keyboard. The desk is covered with various papers, a smartphone, and a notebook with a floral pattern. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a study environment.

THANK YOU  
FOR A GREAT  
YEAR!

2024-25

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# WELCOME MESSAGE

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Dear Members,

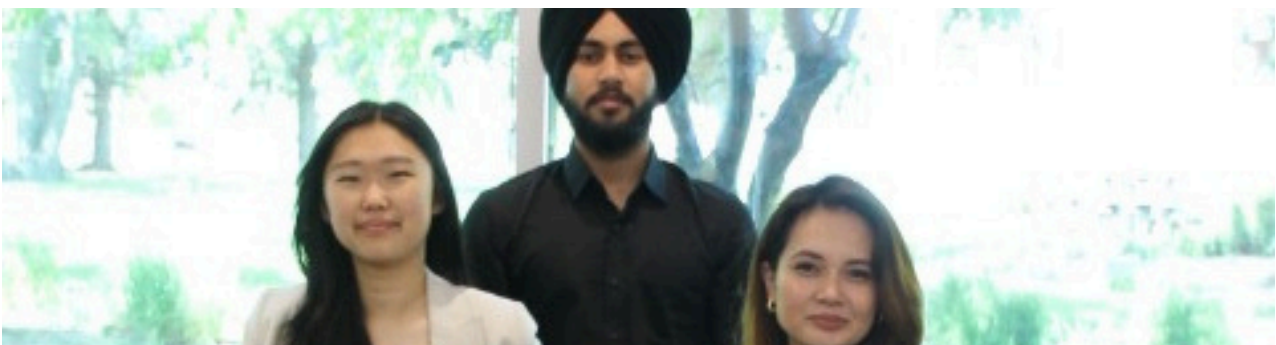
As we reflect on the past academic year, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the collective efforts that have shaped a dynamic and supportive campus environment. This report is a celebration of our shared achievements, the challenges we've overcome, and the innovative strides we've made in enhancing student life.

Over the past year, our association has been at the forefront of fostering a community where every voice is heard and every idea is valued. We have launched new initiatives, strengthened partnerships, and created opportunities for engagement that empower our diverse student body. These efforts have not only enriched our academic and social experiences but have also laid a strong foundation for future growth and collaboration.

In this report, you will find a comprehensive overview of our achievements, initiatives, and the impact we have made within our college community and beyond. From organizing engaging events and fostering meaningful connections to advocating for student rights and championing causes close to our hearts, each page is a testament to the passion and dedication of our members.

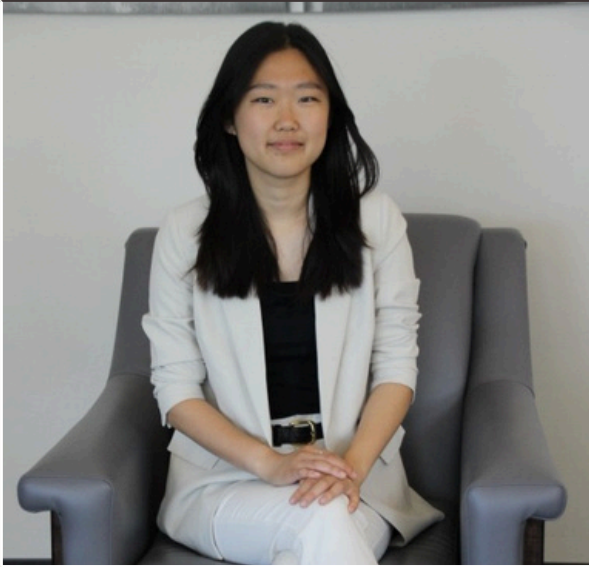
As we look to the future, let us continue to embrace change with open minds and compassionate hearts, remaining steadfast in our commitment to excellence, inclusivity, and student empowerment. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, and I am confident that with your continued support and active participation, we will continue to thrive and make a positive difference in the lives of our fellow students and the broader community.

Thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to the vision and mission of our association.



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# The Vice Presidents of the 2024-25 Year



**Mizuki Iwata**  
**Vice President Internal**



**Angelica Sayo**  
**Vice President External**



**Thakur Singh**  
**Vice President Community**

# The Council Representatives of the 2024-25 Year



**Maria Solorzano**  
**Council Representative**



**Victor Cheserem**  
**Council Representative**



**Som**  
**Council Representative**

# The Council Representatives of the 2024-25 Year



**Samuel Gordon**  
**Council Representative**



**Candia Sissons**  
**Council Representative**



**Dawson Yeoman**  
**Council Representative**

# About SAMHC

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## Purpose

The Students' Association (SAMHC) is the heart of student life and engagement at our institution. SAMHC is a student-run organization committed to enhancing your college experience, advocating for your are rights, and providing a platform for your voice to be heard.

## Mission Statement

“The Students’ Association of Medicine Hat College is a transparent organization run for the students, by the students. We are committed to improving student life by informing, representing, and advocating for its members. Our purpose is to provide a sense of pride in education, and give every individual the opportunity to experience college life to the fullest extent.”

## Vision Statement

"Empowering Student Success"

# SAMHC VALUES

## Student Focus

The SA recognizes the needs of MHC Students while providing services such as Health & Dental, information & referrals, and advocacy on multiple platforms. The SA supports the growth and success of individual students, and encourages the best college life experience by building community and relationships.

## Accessibility

The SA provides equal opportunity access to all its services while supporting an inclusive and safe environment. The SA believes in assisting students with what they need when they need it, with kindness and integrity in a non-judgmental manner.

## Adaptability

Each year, the MHC community presents itself with new and uniquely diverse environments and distinct needs. The SA adapts to act in the best interests of students while being flexible and mindful towards changes.

## Collaboration

At SAMHC, the Collaboration Value Pillar is a cornerstone of our identity and operational excellence. It represents our unwavering commitment to working together—across teams, departments, and external partnerships—to achieve shared goals.



# SAMHC VP INTERNAL REPORT

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**Academic Appeals Assistance:**

An integral aspect of the Vice President Internal's role involved providing essential support to students facing academic challenges. Over the reporting period, the Vice President Internal assisted multiple students with their appeals, offering guidance, advocacy, and resources to navigate the appeals process successfully. By championing student rights and ensuring due process, the Vice President Internal played a pivotal role in safeguarding academic integrity and fairness.

**Policy Development and Implementation:**

Demonstrating proactive leadership, the Vice President Internal spearheaded the development and implementation of a suite of critical policies that enhance both organizational effectiveness and student well-being. Their initiatives included ensuring consistent formatting across all official documents, developing a streamlined Club Renewal Policy to simplify the reactivation of student clubs, and refining Elections Policies to promote transparency and fairness in leadership selection. Additionally, comprehensive Health and Dental Policies were established to safeguard student health, reinforcing our commitment to a supportive campus environment.

**Recruitment and Leadership Development:**

Recognizing the importance of strong leadership and representation within the student body, the Vice President Internal undertook the responsibility of recruiting exceptional student representatives and executive candidates. Through strategic outreach efforts and engagement initiatives, the Vice President Internal successfully attracted talented individuals to run for elected student positions, ensuring continuity and effectiveness within the Students' Association.

**Student Advocacy and Support:**

In a testament to their unwavering commitment to student advocacy, the Vice President Internal has been a dynamic force for positive change on campus. They have passionately advocated for improved management of library noise levels to preserve an optimal study environment, and have addressed class complaints to ensure that academic concerns are heard and acted upon.

# SAMHC VP EXTERNAL REPORT

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## **Chief Editor of the SAMHC Newsletter:**

The Vice President External has introduced the newly refreshed SAMHC monthly newsletter to inform, engage, and connect with the student body at Medicine Hat College. With a modern, eye-catching design, the revamped newsletter not only delivers thoughtfully curated content but also enhances its appeal, ensuring it resonates with students. This strategic refresh, combined with meticulous content selection and targeted distribution, effectively supports our mission to enhance the student experience and foster a vibrant sense of community and belonging.

## **Student Club Coordination:**

Overseeing student clubs has been a cornerstone of our efforts to foster an engaged and vibrant campus community. In this capacity, the Vice President has worked closely with club leaders to ensure that each organization not only adheres to established college policies but also thrives as a hub of creativity, collaboration, and inclusivity. There were over 12 active clubs this year!



## **Community Outreach and Partnerships:**

Recognizing the importance of building strong relationships with the local community, the Vice President External has forged partnerships and collaborations with community organizations, businesses, and civic leaders. These partnerships have facilitated opportunities for students to engage in community service projects, volunteer initiatives, and experiential learning opportunities that enrich their college experience and contribute to the broader community. U-Ride became SAMHC's ultimate partner.

Other discounts available to students included:

- iHop
- Fatburger
- Paradise Valley
- The Cutting Room
- Silver Buckle
- The Station
- Grit City
- Grassland Massage
- Denny's
- Haven Wellness
- Moxie's
- The Cliff

# SAMHC VP COMMUNITY REPORT

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## **Event Organization:**

Throughout the year, the Vice President Community has been instrumental in organizing a diverse array of events aimed at enhancing the student experience and promoting community engagement. From social gatherings to cultural celebrations, these events have provided students with valuable opportunities to connect, learn, and grow. Through meticulous planning, coordination with campus partners, and effective promotion, the Vice President Community has successfully executed numerous events that have resonated with the student body and contributed to a positive campus culture.

Key events included:

- Welcome Back Bash
- Movie nights
- Ping Pong and Pool Tournaments
- Karaoke Night
- Frost Fest
- Bingo After Dark



## **Social Media Management:**

In addition to event organization and club coordination, the Vice President Community has effectively managed the SAMHC social media presence to engage with students, share important updates, and promote upcoming events and initiatives. Through strategic content creation, regular posting, and interactive engagement with followers, the Vice President Community has amplified the reach and impact of SAMHC activities, fostering a sense of community and connectivity among students both on and off-campus.

# SAMHC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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**Operational Management:**

As the chief administrative officer, the Executive Director was responsible for the overall management and administration of SAMHC operations. This encompassed overseeing human resources, financial management, policy development, and compliance with relevant regulations. The Executive Director implemented efficient processes, optimized resource allocation, and fostered a culture of accountability and transparency within the organization.

**Financial Stewardship:**

The Executive Director exercised prudent financial stewardship to ensure the fiscal health and sustainability of SAMHC. This involved developing and managing the annual budget, monitoring revenue and expenditures, and identifying opportunities to maximize financial resources. The Executive Director implemented cost-saving measures, pursued alternative funding sources, and promoted financial literacy among staff and students to enhance financial resilience and long-term viability.

**Professional Development and Training:**

Throughout the year, the Executive Director invested in professional development and training opportunities to enhance leadership skills, stay abreast of emerging trends, and foster continuous improvement within SAMHC. This included attending conferences, workshops, and seminars relevant to higher education administration, student affairs, and nonprofit management. The Executive Director also encouraged professional growth among staff members, providing mentorship, coaching, and professional development opportunities to support their career advancement and job satisfaction.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, the Executive Director of the Students' Association of Medicine Hat College demonstrated exemplary leadership, vision, and dedication in advancing the interests of students and the organization as a whole. Through strategic leadership, effective advocacy, and collaboration with stakeholders, the Executive Director contributed to the enhancement of student experiences, the promotion of student success, and the realization of SAMHC's mission.



# SAMHC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

## **Administrative Support:**

The Administrative Assistant provided comprehensive administrative support to the SAMHC executive team, committees, and student members. This included managing calendars, scheduling meetings, drafting correspondence, and maintaining records. Additionally, the Assistant facilitated communication between stakeholders, responded to inquiries, and ensured timely dissemination of information.

## **Event Coordination:**

Throughout the year, the Administrative Assistant contributed to the planning and execution of various events and activities organized by the SAMHC. This involved logistical coordination, the creation of marketing materials and procurement of supplies. The Assistant played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of events such as orientation sessions, social gatherings, fundraisers, and awareness campaigns.

## **Student Engagement and Support:**

As a frontline representative of the Students' Association, the Administrative Assistant provided support and assistance to students on various matters. This included guiding students on accessing resources, addressing concerns, and navigating campus services. The Assistant also played a role in promoting student engagement initiatives, encouraging participation in club activities, and fostering a sense of community among students.

## **Documentation and Reporting:**

The Administrative Assistant was responsible for maintaining accurate documentation of SAMHC activities, including meeting minutes, reports, and organizational documents. The Assistant compiled relevant data and information to prepare periodic reports for the executive team, board members, and external stakeholders. These reports facilitated informed decision-making and provided insights into the Association's activities and achievements.

## **Professional Development:**

The Administrative Assistant engaged in continuous professional development activities to enhance skills and knowledge relevant to their role. This included attending training workshops, participating in webinars, and pursuing certifications to stay updated on best practices in administrative support, event management, and student services.



# SAMHC

# HEALTH & WELLNESS COORDINATOR

## REPORT

### **Program Development and Implementation:**

Throughout the year, the Health and Wellness Coordinator developed and implemented various health promotion programs, initiatives, and campaigns aimed at enhancing student well-being. These programs addressed a wide range of topics, including stress management, healthy eating, physical activity, mental health awareness, and substance abuse prevention. The Coordinator collaborated with campus partners, community organizations, and healthcare professionals to deliver engaging and informative programming that met the diverse needs of students.

### **Workshops and Educational Events:**

The Health and Wellness Coordinator organized and facilitated workshops, seminars, and educational events designed to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and resources to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. These events covered topics such as mindfulness meditation, sleep hygiene, nutrition and wellness, sexual health, and healthy relationships. The Coordinator invited guest speakers, experts, and professionals to present information and lead discussions on relevant health-related issues.

### **Health Promotion Campaigns:**

The Health and Wellness Coordinator launched health promotion campaigns and initiatives to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote positive health behaviors among students. These campaigns utilized various communication channels, including social media, posters, flyers, and campus events, to reach a broad audience of students. Topics addressed by these campaigns included stress awareness, mental health stigma reduction, healthy lifestyles, sexual health education, and substance abuse prevention.



### **Collaboration and Partnerships:**

The Health and Wellness Coordinator collaborated with campus departments, student organizations, community agencies, and healthcare providers to enhance the availability and accessibility of health and wellness services for students. They participated in campus committees, task forces, and working groups focused on student health and well-being to advocate for student needs and priorities. The Coordinator also forged partnerships with local businesses, healthcare facilities, and wellness practitioners to expand the range of resources and services available to students.

# SAMHC

# BROOKS CAMPUS

# COORDINATOR

# REPORT

**Campus Leadership and Representation:**

Throughout the year, the Brooks Campus Coordinator provided strong leadership and representation for students at the Brooks campus of Medicine Hat College. Acting as a liaison between students, faculty, and the SA MHC, the Coordinator advocated for student needs, concerns, and interests. They actively engaged with campus stakeholders to ensure that student voices were heard and considered in decision-making processes.

**Event Planning and Coordination:**

The Brooks Campus Coordinator was responsible for planning, organizing, and coordinating various campus events and activities aimed at enhancing student engagement and fostering a sense of community. These events included orientation sessions, welcome week activities, social gatherings, and educational workshops. The Coordinator worked closely with student clubs, organizations, and campus departments to deliver a diverse range of programming that catered to the interests and needs of Brooks campus students.

**Student Support and Services:**

As the primary point of contact for student support services at the Brooks campus, the Coordinator provided assistance, guidance, and resources to students seeking academic, personal, or social support. They facilitated access to campus resources, such as counseling services, academic advising, and disability support, to ensure that students received the assistance they needed to succeed. The Coordinator also played a key role in promoting student wellness and mental health awareness initiatives on campus.

**Community Engagement and Partnerships:**

The Brooks Campus Coordinator actively engaged with the local community to establish partnerships, collaborations, and opportunities that benefit students and enhance their college experience. They forged relationships with local businesses, organizations, and community leaders to provide students with access to employment opportunities, internships, and experiential learning opportunities. The Coordinator also organized community service projects and volunteer opportunities to encourage student involvement and civic engagement.

# REPRESENTATIVE SUMMARY



## Enhancements to MHC Library

The Council Representatives of SAMHC raised concerns about noise levels in the library. In response, measures were promptly taken: two pairs of headphones were provided for private study, and additional signage was posted to remind patrons to maintain a quiet environment.



## Engaging Events

The Council Representatives of SAMHC took an active role in helping plan and organize events such as Diwali and Frost Fest, aiming to foster a positive and engaging campus community.



## Accountability Practices

The Council Representatives of SAMHC took on the responsibility of overseeing the SAMHC Executives to ensure effective leadership and representation for the student body.

Understanding the pivotal role of SAMHC Executives in advocating for student interests, the representatives managed a framework for accountability and support.



## Student Welfare Enhancements

The Council Representatives of SAMHC took proactive steps to address the concerns of international students, recognizing the importance of fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all members of the college community.

Understanding the unique challenges and experiences faced by International students, the representatives initiated a series of discussions, surveys, and focus groups to identify and prioritize their concerns. They actively sought input from international student organizations, and support services to gain a comprehensive understanding of the issues at hand.



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## SAMHC Website Enhancements

- modern, intuitive navigation and responsive design for seamless access across devices.
- Improved visual appeal and accessibility, ensuring the site meets the diverse needs of our student body and stakeholders.



## 3-Year Strategic Plan Approved

- Secured approval for a comprehensive 3-year strategic plan that outlines clear, measurable objectives for sustainable growth and enhanced student engagement.
- Collaborated with key stakeholders to ensure the plan aligns with SAMHC's mission and addresses emerging trends and challenges in higher education.



## Internal Advocacy Document Created

- Created a detailed internal advocacy document to guide student leaders in effectively communicating their priorities and navigating administrative processes.
- Provided actionable strategies and best practices to empower our community in championing positive change within the institution.



## Training Materials Developed

- Developed extensive training resources designed to support continuous learning and professional development across the organization.
- Ensured the materials are accessible, up-to-date, and aligned with industry standards to foster a culture of excellence and ongoing improvement.



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## Partnerships and Advocacy Successes

- Strengthened partnerships with external organizations such as ASEC, fostering collaboration and advocacy opportunities.
- Successfully engaged in advocacy efforts, leading to positive outcomes such as lobbying opportunities and insights gained from the Minister's Reception and ASEC's Advocacy Week.



## Club Renewal Process Streamlined

- Redesigned the club renewal process to be more efficient and user-friendly, significantly reducing administrative burdens and wait times.
- Introduced clear guidelines and timelines to ensure smooth transitions and prompt re-registration for student clubs.



## Enhanced Social Media Engagement

- Expanded the association's presence on Facebook and Instagram, enabling more immediate and interactive communication with the campus community and increasing event visibility.



## Conclusion

- These achievements reflect effective leadership in driving positive change, fostering campus engagement, and advancing the institution's strategic objectives. They demonstrate her commitment to governance, advocacy, student welfare, and financial sustainability, thus contributing to the overall success of the college community.



# LOOKING FORWARD

## **SAMHC** Executive Team


As we reflect on the past year, we are deeply grateful for the steadfast support and dedication of the entire Medicine Hat College community. The combined efforts of our students, faculty, staff, and administration have not only helped us overcome challenges but have also driven meaningful change and enriched the student experience.

Looking forward, the Student Association of Medicine Hat College (SAMHC) remains devoted to championing student interests, nurturing a sense of community, and empowering everyone to achieve their fullest potential. With renewed energy and a clear vision, we are eager to build on our past successes and embrace the journey ahead.

In the coming year, SAMHC will concentrate on key initiatives designed to meet the evolving needs of our diverse student body. We invite all members of the Medicine Hat College community to join us on this exciting journey. Together, we have the power to create a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking campus that not only meets the demands of today but also anticipates the opportunities of tomorrow. Your involvement and passion are the cornerstones of our success, and we look forward to shaping a brighter future together—one that will leave a lasting impact for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued support. We are thrilled about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and are confident that, with your help, we will make the upcoming year our most transformative yet.





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- ✓ Health & Dental Plan
- ✓ Printing & Faxing
- ✓ Food Bank
- ✓ Locker Rental
- ✓ Student Clubs
- ✓ Reproductive Health Products



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